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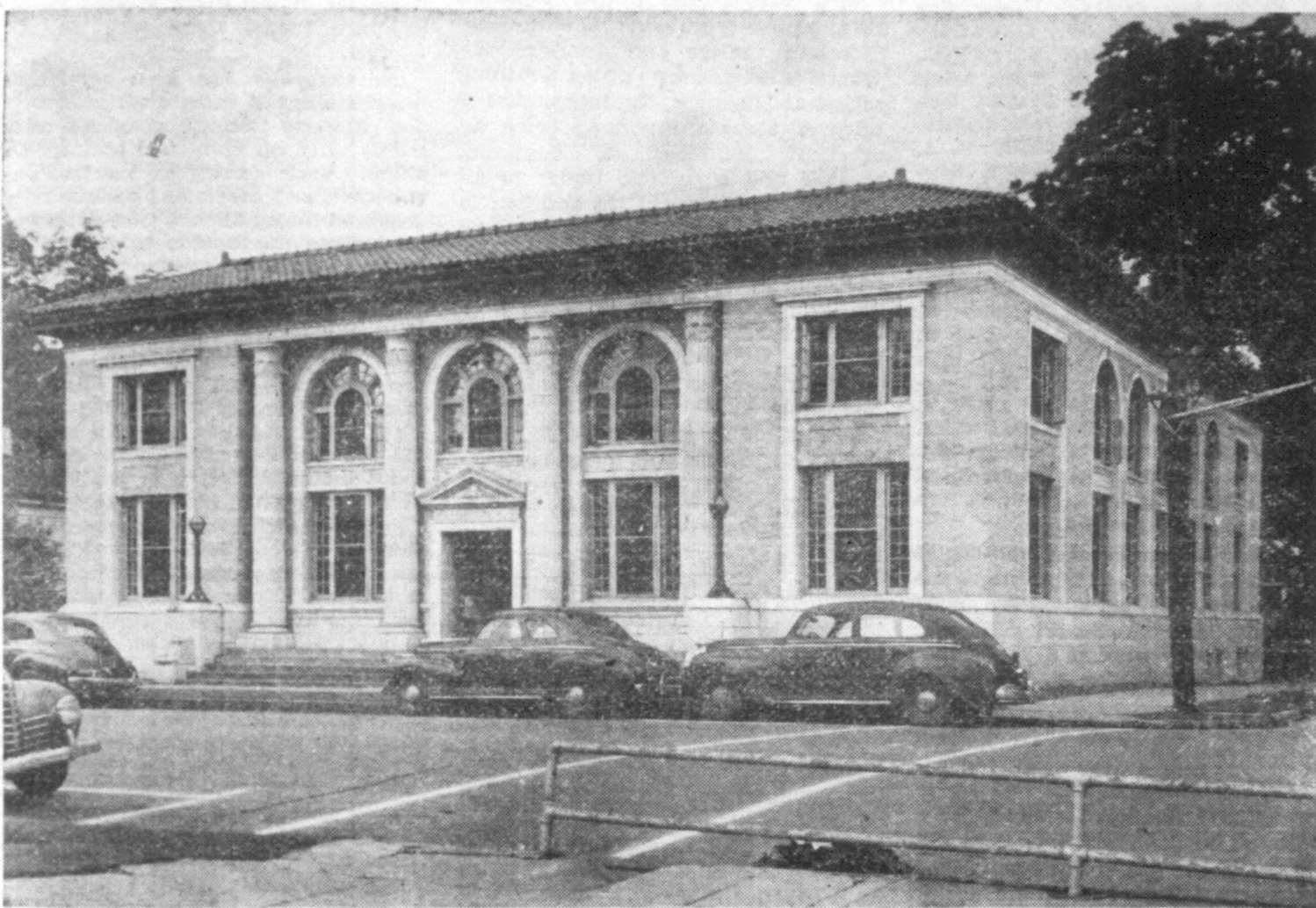
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BAPTISTS BUY OFFICE BUILDING



NEW BAPTIST OFFICE BUILDING

Will Meet Pressing Need

In a called session held in Jackson, Monday, May 14, the Baptist Convention Board voted unanimously to purchase at a cost of \$110,000 the Mississippi Building to be used for Baptist Headquarters. Contrary to newspaper reports the purchase was not completed until 2:30 Friday afternoon, May 18.

The building is situated on the corner of North Congress and Mississippi streets, directly across the street south of the new capitol.

At the regular December meeting the Convention Board had authorized the construction of a new building on lots previously purchased and situated on Congress street one and one-half blocks from Capital street.

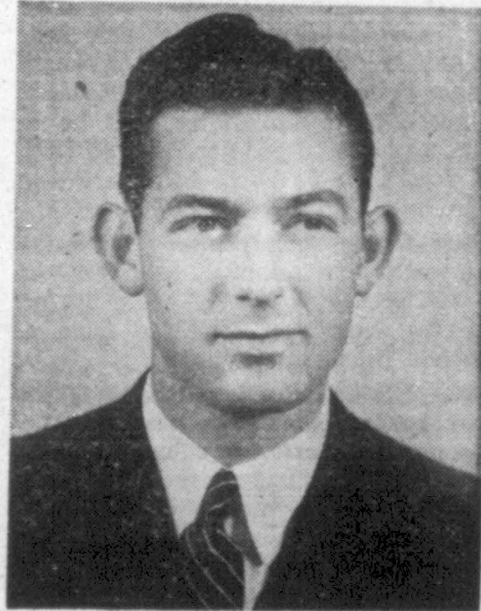
The newly purchased building is probably better than the one contemplated due to building material scarcities and substitutes. It contains 14,250 square feet of floor space, 250 more than the proposed building. It is well constructed of good pre-war material, contains two stories and a basement and will provide ample space for all departments.

Secretary McCall states that although legally possession could be demanded by July first he is not asking the present tenants to vacate until August first. He estimates that remodeling and redecorating will be completed in time for Baptist Head-

(Continued on Page Twelve)

JAMES FAIRCHILD LEADS ROYAL AMBASSADORS

The announcement of the coming of Rev. James Fairchild as Royal Ambassador secretary is made by the



JAMES FAIRCHILD

Mississippi W. M. U. Mr. Fairchild is to be secretary for Alabama and (Continued on Page Twelve)

RELIGIOUS LIFE DISRUPTED LITTLE BY JAPANESE

By Richard T. Baker

Religious News Service Correspondent

Chungking (By Airmail)—(RNS)—That the life of the Christian Church in occupied China has been disrupted very little by the Japanese, was the opinion of Dr. T. Z. Koo, one of the secretaries of the World's Student Christian Federation, who has been in Shanghai since the outbreak of the Pacific war and recently escaped to Free China.

Except for the removal of foreign workers, the church has gone on in much the same way as before the war. Chinese pastors are free to perform their ministries, to preach and to travel. Only when they are "indiscreet" in their pro-nationalist or anti-Japanese sentiments are they questioned by the gendarmes. Dr. Koo said he knew of no Christian who was in jail because he was a Christian.

Churches Are Full

All churches in Shanghai are packed full, Dr. Koo reported. "There are two reasons for this," he said. "First, the Chinese people find in the church a circle of friends where they can speak freely and have a relationship of community life which is safe from the invader. Second, almost everyone (Continued on Page Twelve)

Next Issue Of Baptist Record Is Convention Issue

Although the 1945 Southern Baptist Convention has been cancelled, reports of the various boards, institutions and committees have been prepared. Next week's issue of The Baptist Record will be devoted largely to these reports and summaries.

Pastors, Sunday school superintendents, Training Union directors and other leaders should order extra copies

at once. They can be sent in bundles or addressed individually. And the price is only two cents per copy. Orders for bundles or lists of names must be in The Baptist Record office by nine a. m. Tuesday, May 29.

Every Baptist in Mississippi should have a copy of this number. It will be valuable in the years to come. Centennials occur only once in a hundred years. Don't overlook this one.

Miracles Helped U. S. Troops Land At Casablanca

By Henry G. Nicholas

That a "miracle" played a part in the success of the huge American expedition of North Africa has been officially written into the records of the United States War Department. When approaching Africa the American transports were threatened with two violent storms, either one of which could have raised mountainous seas, dispersed the huge fleet and wrecked the heavily loaded transports.

Prayer Came First

The officers in command of these ships, according to General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, frankly and openly prayed. Then an astonishing thing happened. The two approaching storms "appeared to neutralize each other."

In preparation for the African invasion, the navy experts had made an extensive study of the tidal conditions at Casablanca, and all the facts indicated that the landing operations would be difficult and hazardous.

Calmer in 68 Years

But on reaching that point it was found that the two storms had made the sea "calmer on that particular coast than it had been for 68 years."

Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., declared: "The great success attending the hazardous operation carried out on sea and land by the western task force could only have been possible through the intervention of Divine Providence manifested in many ways."—Commercial Appeal.

-Sparks & Splinters-

Citizens Protest. A Citizens Victory Committee of farmers and business men of Dodge City, Kansas, have sent a message to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes urging that all liquor transportation be stopped. Shortage of farm labor, foods, meats, canned goods, and other essentials including transportation, is given as reason why transportation of alcoholic liquors, including beer, should be stopped. Appeal is made to Director Byrnes "in behalf of our men under arms" to issue such an order.—Anti-Saloon League Bulletin.

In the June number of Royal Service there is an article by Miss Nell Taylor, Florence, Mississippi, entitled "Program Plans," on page 13. Miss Taylor was graduated from Blue Mountain in 1941 and is now enrolled in the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Kentucky.

The judicial district composed of Copiah, Lincoln, Pike and Walthall counties is probably the best district in the state from the standpoint of law enforcement. Only seven liquor stamps have been sold in the four counties, and three of these after September 1. No gambling devices are shown in the district by federal records. Judge J. F. Guynes says that the credit for the effective work done is due largely to E. C. Barlow, prosecuting attorney. This district shows that the law CAN be enforced.—Anti-Saloon League Bulletin.

Immanuel church, Lexington, Kentucky, stands highest in the Elkhorn Association in contributions to the Co-operative Program for the first three months in 1945. The total gifts to missions and other program causes amounted to \$4,942.38. Elwyn N. Wilkinson, Mississippian, is the pastor.

Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, has honored us with an invitation to their commencement exercises held May 19-22.

Alvin Collins of Myrtle calls attention to an error in last week's issue of the Record. He says, "You listed Joseph Allmon's degree from the Southern Baptist Seminary as a B.D. degree and it should have been a Th.M. I'm sure you will correct this mistake." (Editor's note: We are glad to correct this error, but for once the error was not ours. We published the list as it was sent to us.)

The many friends of Orphanage Superintendent W. G. Mize and wife will be glad to know that their son, W. G., Jr., who has been a prisoner of war in Germany, has been released. A letter from him states that he is safe, well and in good spirits and that he expects to be home in a very few days.

Ben Rentz, Jr., former ministerial student at Mississippi College and son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rentz, Sr., of Jackson, has been liberated from a German prisoner of war camp.

The Bigfield Sunday school, Quitman county, Marks, is sending the first Sunday's offering of each month to the Baptist Orphanage. The first offering for the month of May has just reached the orphanage in the amount of \$3.56. Floyd Long is superintendent and Miss Estella Matthews, secretary. These once-a-month Sunday school offerings are very helpful to the orphanage. Go thou and do likewise.—W. G. Mize, superintendent.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Rev. N. A. Edmonds, Shubuta; Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Lexington; Rev. R. W. Porter, Lambert; Miss Mary Alice Cox, Blue Springs; Curtis L. Beard, Jackson; Varda Smith, New Albany; Rev. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; R. E. Gardner, Louin; Dr. Webb Brame, Yazoo City; Rev. L. F. Haire, Bruce; E. D. Hurst, Laurel; Rev. F. V. McFatrige, Coldwater; Dr. H. L. Martin, Senatobia; Mrs. C. B. Hamlet, III, Winona; T. T. Gooch, Oakland; Rev. L. D. Sellers, Carrollton; Rev. George H. Gay, Okolona; Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Brock, Moss Point; Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Philadelphia; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, Marks; Rev. James S. Parker, Ripley; Rev. H. Grady Wilkes, Yazoo City; S/Sgt. and Mrs. William R. Dedrick, Keesler Field; Rev. A. A. Ward, Lena; M. D. Reagan and Mrs. Reagan, Carthage; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hewitt, Jackson; Rev. Earl George, Oil City; J. A. Travis, Clinton; Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Miss Anne Barcliff and Paul L. Barcliff, Vicksburg; Rev. J. B. Ray, Blue Mountain; Rev. A. H. Childress, Coffeeville; Rev. J. A. Barnhill, Jackson; Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, Jackson; Rev. C. M. Day, Pontotoc; C. S. Lumby, McComb; Rev. Clarence H. Watson, S. B. T. S., Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. Riley Munday, B. S. U. secretary; Mrs. L. V. Wells and Lewis V. Wells, Jr.; Bogue Chitto; Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City; Dr. William Potter, Neosho, Missouri; Rev. Spurgeon S. Kelley, Tupelo; Dr. W. A. Sullivan, Natchez; Earl Clark, Jackson.

Rev. C. M. Day, former pastor at Liberty, has been discharged from the army chaplain's corps. Some good Mississippi church should call him. His address is Pontotoc.

After the territory four miles from Leland had been surveyed by Missionary Martin J. Gilbert, a group from the Leland church went out and organized a Sunday school. The survey revealed 200 possibilities in an area five miles in diameter, who were not being reached by any church. On the first Sunday 62 were in attendance at the Sunday school and 92 on the second Sunday. Literature has been ordered and plans are under way for a Vacation school and a revival during the summer. The services are being held in two tenant houses for the present, but we hope for a building of some description in the near future.—Chester L. Quarles, pastor, Leland church.

New Augusta: We had a good day last Sunday (May 20) with two additions to the church. We are completing out baptistry and plan to make improvements on the building. Beginning June 3, E. C. Williams, state Sunday school secretary, will be with us for a study course. Miss Nella Dean Mitchell of the Training Union Department will help us in our VBS beginning June 25.—Paul Z. Ball, pastor.

Rev. C. M. Day, recently retired from the army chaplain's corps, will supply the First church of Oxford during the vacation of the pastor, Dr. F. M. Purser.

Shuqualak: Sunday school offerings here May 13, designated for the orphanage, totaled \$76.20. A goal of \$50 had been set but was over-reached by \$26.20.

Geneva—(By Wireless to RNS)—Churches in Germany were refused permission to organize or to receive any kind of wartime aid after the Nazi government had taken over the Red Cross and organized monthly relief collections, according to Mrs. E. Pfluegge, Swiss-born wife of a Baptist pastor in Koenigsberg, and daughter of the editor of the Basler Nachrichten, who is now a refugee here.

NORTHSIDE SECURES EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

By Mrs. W. E. Flowers

Mrs. James H. Street has accepted the position of educational director at the Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, and will begin her work June 15. The unanimous and hearty action of the church in electing her to this office is another indication of the progressive outlook the membership of Northside church has and of the advances the church is making under the leadership of Pastor W. Lowrey Compere.

Mrs. Street, the former Rosalind Sheppard, is a graduate of Mississippi Woman's College and attended the Woman's Missionary Union Training school at Louisville, Kentucky. She is talented along many lines, being an excellent musician, a charming speaker and a capable leader in all lines of church work. In addition to serving in various phases of the work in the churches where her husband has been pastor, she has been active in the State Woman's Missionary Union work, having served three years as state stewardship chairman and one year as state W. M. U. president. She brings to the work at Northside a wealth of ability and experience. With her many talents and charming personality she will make a wonderful contribution to the progress of the church.

Mrs. Street is the wife of Rev. James H. Street, pastor of the Hazlehurst Baptist Church, who has accepted the position of State Brotherhood secretary for Mississippi Baptists. The Street family plans to move to North Jackson early in June.

Since the first of April Northside Baptist Church has welcomed forty new members and has made a number of improvements in its facilities. A revised financial program has been adopted and the regular offerings have practically doubled.

—BR—
A list of 12 names from Bradford Chapel church, Oliver Hood, pastor, was one of several lists that enabled The Baptist Record to climb over the 51,000 mark in circulation last week. The list was sent by Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes.

Rev. N. H. Roberts and his family recently moved to the Oakland field. The pastor's home had been done over and a shower awaited them.

—BR—
Regulate your life by the standards you admire when you are at your best. The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

The size of a person can be judged by the issues he advocates.

Neglect a personal grievance for forty-eight hours and it will die of starvation.

There are two sides to every question, but there are entirely too many people who try to be on both of them.

Your religion can't mean much to you unless it means much to others.

The study course book, "A winning Witness," was recently completed at the Baptist Workshop in Columbus. A large group of students completed the course, which was taught by the Rev. Joe Abrams, pastor of the Shuqualak Baptist Church.

A mother-daughter banquet was held May 11 at Immanuel church, Lexington, Kentucky, of which Elwyn N. Wilkinson, Mississippian, is pastor. Attractive programs, good food, music and speeches indicated an enjoyable evening by all those present.

The worst trouble with idle rumors is that they are never idle.

Dr. Carpenter Commended

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND
Office of the Chaplain
Foster General Hospital
Jackson, Miss.

17 May 1945

Mr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor
The Baptist Record
Baptist Building
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Brother Goodrich:

I feel that it is time that the fine, patriotic, and denominational services of one of our Southern Baptist leaders be acknowledged in behalf of those whom he has served so faithfully and efficiently. I have reference to Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Carpenter has been serving as superintendent of camp work in connection with our Baptist chaplains since shortly after our entry into present hostilities. While serving as assistant service command chaplain, Fourth Service Command Hdqs., Atlanta, Georgia, it was the writer's privilege to be closely associated with Dr. Carpenter in his work. In that capacity I had ample occasion to observe his splendid work in building the morale of many of our Baptist chaplains who had stepped from civilian pastorates into an entirely different sphere. In passing through the resulting period of readjustment, many of these chaplains found an experienced counselor and steadying influence in Dr. Carpenter and his office. His visits to military installations throughout the south meant much as a stabilizing factor, and numerous letters, as a result, were received by this writer from chaplains expressing their gratitude for the refreshing inspiration left in his wake.

The undersigned is sure that he expresses the heartfelt sentiments of all of our Baptist chaplains, who have served and are endeavoring to serve our armed forces, in saying that his unselfish services, helpful counseling, and sympathetic guidance has indeed enabled us all to render a greater service to God, to our country, and to our fellowman.

Sincerely and faithfully yours,
CALOWAY O. WHITE,
Chaplain (Major).

—BR—
Blue Mountain, Miss., May 14—The permanent officers of the 1945 graduating class of Blue Mountain College, which becomes a unit in the National Alumnae Association May 28, are as follows: President, Virginia Frances Lady, Trumann, Ark.; vice-president, Marjorie West, Sardis; secretary, Bea Dawkins, Rosedale; treasurer, Jane Wood, Selmer, Tennessee; historian, Jean Lowrey, Blue Mountain.

Shuqualak: Sunday school attendance here averaged 77 for the month of April, with 94 present one Sunday. This is the highest monthly average in several years and plans are on foot to gradually raise the average.

It matters not where we stand but which way we face.

Be tolerant enough to tolerate the intolerant.

David Byrd preached twice on April 13 in the First church, Danville, Kentucky. He and Joe Allmon, both Mississippians and students at the Louisville Seminary, conducted services daily during the Youth Revival, May 14-18. Wayne Todd, Mississippian, is the pastor of this church.

Dr. Ira Eavenson (formerly pastor at Cleveland), of Bryan, Texas, assisted Pastor M. A. Treadway and the Park Temple Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, in a very gracious revival during the simultaneous campaign in the Houston churches. There were eight professions of faith and three additions by letter.

Aunt Minnie: "This parrot is forty years old." Little Willie (after eyeing it a minute): "He's awfully green for his age!"

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

Mississippi Baptists—307,000 strong—now own a Baptist Building. The deal was consummated just a few hours ago. The full cash consideration in the sum of \$110,000 was paid and the deed and title received and recorded. This means an initial savings of approximately \$128,000 in comparison with erecting a new building and a net savings, we would say, close to \$80,000. We were counting on 14,000 square feet of floor space in the three-story building we were planning to construct, whereas, we have 14,250 square feet in the building we purchased. The building is made of good materials and workmanship. It is splendidly located across from the lovely new state capitol and the city public library. All persons connected with the transfer have been most considerate. The Convention Board at a called meeting Monday, May 14, unanimously and enthusiastically voted to purchase the building after inspecting it.

We wish some of those so interested in "saving the denomination" were just as interested in "soul saving." We wish an occasional person so interested "seemingly" in "saving" institutions, were just as interested in "soul saving." More of us, the writer included, need to practice soul winning until we will have a reputation for it, and a testimony from it.

THE AUCTION

<p>"Lost souls for sale! Slave souls for sale!"</p> <p>Time's grasping peddler cried,</p> <p>"Damaged, going, and almost gone, In world-appointed pride."</p> <p>"Owned by Satan, shackled for hell,"</p> <p>The auctioneer cried on—</p> <p>O, who will offer Jesus' blood Before the sale is gone?</p> <p>"I'll give John three and verse sixteen,"</p> <p>God's servant answered clear;</p>	<p>"And charge the price unto my Lord— He'll hold the purchase dear."</p> <p>"Sold to your Lord, but not for gold,"</p> <p>Time's fleeing peddler cried;</p> <p>"Released unto Immanuel, Freed by His riven side!"</p> <p>"Going, going, and almost gone!"</p> <p>A cry above earth's din.</p> <p>O, who will rescue for the Lord Before hell's forces win?</p>
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—Vivian A. Bruner.

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In coming to the close of the Baptist Hospital expansion campaign, we must add to those already thanked the names of: Editor Goodrich for his fine work and publicity, our office helpers and the department heads, Miss Robinson, Mr. Williams and Mr. Wilds. These workers and departments mean a great deal in the progress of the work, and for them we are deeply grateful.

Tylertown Baptist Church sent to the causes of Christ through this office at home and around the world for the last quarter of 1944, nearly three times as much as it kept for local expenses. Small wonder the pastor, Dr. W. R. Cooper—one of the best men we know—is happy in working with a great people in a great cause!

Bro. E. D. Estes, as a state missionary, is one of our very hardest workers. We quote a note just received from him, showing victory in state missions:

"Dear Brother McCall: Last night was the closing service of our one week Daily Bible school and revival meeting with Graysport Baptist Church, Grenada county. The enrollment was 49 in the Daily Bible school. The average attendance was 36. Teaching each morning and preaching each evening, there were 14 additions to the Graysport Baptist Church, nine of whom trusted Jesus for salvation this week and came for baptism. We had a great time witnessing for Christ and helping the people. Dr. Glen Eric Wiley is pastor here for Sunday afternoon service. Pray for me!"

Lake church, Scott county, and Steen's Creek church, Rankin county, send in an offering for the erection of the Baptist Building. So far we know these churches lead the way in designating monies for this purpose. However, many others have helped by giving directly to state missions and through the Co-operative Program. This matter of the Baptist Building is more largely on the hearts of our people than some seem to realize. The Baptist Building is more badly needed than some realize. They are not to be blamed for this. They have not had the opportunity to know really how His work suffers from crowded conditions in these offices.

Traveling recently, into Hancock county, along the country road between Poplarville and Bay St. Louis we saw the beautiful Baptist church building at Juniper Grove, and we have some work at Kiln. If there were other Baptist buildings, we failed to see them. We saw two rural Catholic churches in the vast stretches of rural territory. This is one section where we need to do more work, and there are others.

Mrs. J. H. Street, wife of the new state director of Brotherhood, will receive a royal welcome into association with our family staff. She is an outstanding Christian woman. We will be happy to have other family members also.

III

Along with Editor Goodrich, we were called into conference by President Nelson and Mr. Travis for a discussion of the Mississippi College campaign. Our suggestions were threefold, first, do not let distractions set the tempo of the campaign; second, take account of mistakes made, if any, and third, chart a course of vigorous presentations to the people. Whereas failure seemed to characterize Mississippi Baptist campaigns for many years, we are now acquiring the habit of success. The debt paying campaign was the great all-time victory for Mississippi Baptists. A quickly gained victory followed in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital expansion campaign. By all means, the fourth victory should come in the Mississippi College campaign. It will be a test of the loyalty of Mississippi College men and their friends. It will test the hold the college has on the people. It will test the leadership of Mr. Travis as he comes to his first great work in this new position. We are greatly impressed by him. He

has ability and a splendid personality. We predict that success will be his reward. Most of all, as always, it will be a test of the love and loyalty of His people for this part of the work of Christ. In our opinion, nothing supersedes this.

Some of these days, we hope Mississippi College will make proper provision for the preacher boys, and here we have in mind particularly the married preachers and their families. It seems to us that the college is and should be largely for the purpose of training denominational leadership. The preachers stand at the forefront. Yet as a youngster, one of the first criticisms we heard of Mississippi College was that preacher needs were rather placed in the background. Whether this is true or not, we feel it would be a great step in the right direction for the above action to be taken some of these days.

"Make Believe Visits," by five missionaries is an interesting booklet with missionary emphasis. It is published by the Broadman Press; price 30c.

"Pleasant Paths," by Haviner is an interesting book of meditations from the travels of the author. It is a Revell book; price \$1.20.

"The Coming Kingdom of Christ," by Rice is a book on prophecy just off the press; price \$1.25. Those who enjoy the study of prophecy, particularly the pre-millennial point of view, will enjoy this book. Order these books from your Book Store.

GENTILY BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

W. W. Hamilton, Pastor

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now joyfully and solemnly enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

I Church Loyalty—Members of the Family

We engage therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; and to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

II Bible Giving—Expenses of the Family.

We also engage to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

III Daily Devotion—Growth of the Family.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; and to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

IV Christian Living—Reputation of the Family.

We also engage to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

V Brotherly Love—Unity of the Family.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy; to be courteous in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

VI Faithful Service—Success of the Family.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church of like faith and order, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

VII Earnest Intercession—Perfection of the Family.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Form National Association Of Evangelical Youth

Chicago—(RNS)—A National Association of Evangelical Youth was organized here at a conference of youth leaders held on the eve of the third annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Torrey M. Johnson, Chicago pastor and leader of the Chicagoland Youth for Christ rallies, was named president. (See article in last week's Baptist Record entitled "Youth for Christ."—Editor.)

Accepting as its statement of faith "the conservative doctrinal position of the National Association of Evangelicals," the new group, according to Dr. Johnson, will promote fellowship among evangelical youth organizations, encourage cooperative activities and programs, stimulate evangelism among young people and disseminate

Ten Best Books I Read Last Year

1. Churches and Sects of Christendom—Dr. J. L. Neve.
2. Preaching from the Bible—Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood.
3. Teaching Adults in the Sunday School—Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins.
4. Son of Man and Suffering Servant—Dr. Edward A. McDowell.
5. The Strong Name—Dr. James S. Stewart.
6. The Small Sects in America—Dr. Elmer T. Clark.
7. Preaching from the Prophets—Dr. Kyle M. Yates.
8. Country Church—Dr. John D. Freeman.
9. Studies in the Prophets—Dr. B. O. Herring.
10. Baptist Leaders in Religious Education—Dr. J. M. Price.

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information on youth work.

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PROVIDENCE

"God works in mysterious ways
His wonders to perform."

As shown on another page,
Baptists have been in great need
of a headquarters building.

At the December meeting of the
Convention Board a building was
authorized. Two lots had been
bought and a building committee
composed of John D. Davis, Harry
L. Martin, Leon Macon, James L.
Sullivan and Fred B. Bookter was
appointed.

The building committee held
two meetings in Jackson to make
preliminary plans to start the
proposed Baptist Building at the
earliest possible time.

At the second meeting the
building recently purchased was
brought to their attention. They
felt led to consider it and sub-
mitted the proposition to a called
meeting of the Convention Board.

After inspecting the building
the Board voted unanimously for
its purchase.

Neither Secretary McCall nor
the Building Committee was plan-
ning to purchase a building. Sud-
denly this building was offered.
Others wanted to purchase it, but
Baptists had the opportunity and
they seized it.

Board members and the archi-
tect say the building purchased
will meet the needs for a head-
quarters building as well as the
proposed building. It has 250
more square feet of floor space
than the proposed building.

The location is ideal. Just across
the street from the new capitol
and yet only three blocks from
Capital street.

Builders say that because of
wartime shortages the new head-
quarters building is built of better
material than some that could be
bought now.

And even if priorities could be
secured, many unseen delays
would be encountered. But the
present building will be ready for
Baptist occupancy about August

15.

And last, but not least, there is
a saving of more than \$100,000 in
the purchase price of the new
building and the estimated cost of
the proposed building.

Surely God has been good to
Mississippi Baptists.

—BR—

A POOR SHOWING

Cleveland, Ohio, (RNS)—Only
1.1 per cent of church family in-
come goes into the collection bas-
ket on Sundays.

This figure was offered here at
sessions of the United Stewardship
Council, representing 25 different
denominations.

Statistics presented at the con-
ference showed national income
at its highest point in history but
contributions to church activities
were reported below the level of
1928 or 1929.

Data presented revealed church
giving had increased from \$299,-
416,781 to \$441,868,327 in the past
10 years. At the same time it was
shown the national income had
gone up from 48 billions to 148 bil-
lions.

It was shown that 45 per cent of
present church membership, rep-
resented on the Stewardship Coun-
cil, contributed "anything of rec-
ord" for local church support and
only 30 per cent to benevolences.

Re-read the above humiliating
figures until you realize their sig-
nificance.

Instead of the 10% which God
demands, we average 1.1 per cent.
And even though our income is
at the highest point in history, our
giving is below the 1928 or 1929
level.

—BR—

"ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER..."

No one, enemy or friend, ad-
mirer or hater should rejoice at
the recent passing of President
Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

But even his death brought a
few hours cessation from the clang
and clamor of the radio. Soap
operas were discontinued and the
programs contained much that ap-
pealed to those who get tired of
the cheap, sickening, sexy, worth-
less programs that take up much
of the radio programs. We do not
recall hearing a single announce-
ment urging the listeners to buy
some brand of beer and thus as-
sure themselves of pleasures and
delights hitherto unknown to non-
beer drinkers or to those not using
that particular brand.

—BR—

A GOOD EXAMPLE

In order that its Sunday school
and worship services which are
broadcast, may be heard, the First
church, Memphis, has given radios
to the city-county jail, Marine
Hospital, the juvenile court, the
county penal farm, the West Ten-
nessee Medical Center, the Fort
Pillow prison farm and the Ken-
nedy General Hospital.

Without any desire to dictate,
we suggest the above plan as a
good one for other churches.

A radio placed in various pub-
lic institutions would cause some
to hear gospel messages, who
never go near a church. It is true
that some inmates of institutions
would not care for religious
broadcasts, others would. And if
more people hear gospel messages,
more people will be helped.

—BR—

MISSISSIPPI ORPHANS ALSO NEED A GYMNASIUM AND POOL

The Oklahoma Baptist Messen-
ger states that an anonymous
donor who did not wish his name
used has given a modern swim-
ming pool and gymnasium to the
children at the Baptist Orphans'
Home in Oklahoma City.

We are certain that such a gift
from some Mississippi Baptist
would be welcomed by the Mis-
sissippi Baptist Orphanage.

This is not a request but a gen-
tle hint.

—BR—

MISSISSIPPI MAKES GOOD RECORD

Mississippi was seventh in con-
tributions through the Coopera-
tive Program during April. But
all seven states that exceeded Mis-
sissippi have more Baptists than
Mississippi.

Below we give the contributions
by states. The membership as
reported in the 1944 Southern
Baptist Handbook is in parenthe-
ses:

Texas	\$78,836	(834,922)
Georgia	59,886	(572,795)
Tennessee	54,194	(458,910)
Kentucky	50,781	(437,029)
Virginia	43,178	(203,028)
Alabama	43,049	(426,603)
Mississippi	33,152	(307,817)
Missouri	31,314	(294,907)
Louisiana	29,891	(220,683)
South Carolina	26,265	(306,309)
Florida	25,866	(180,091)
Arkansas	17,178	(175,724)
Illinois	14,334	(88,865)
Oklahoma	10,338	(256,342)
Maryland	3,471	(24,272)
New Mexico	3,449	(27,463)
District of Columbia	2,643	(25,176)
California	2,234	(3,994)
Arizona	732	(4,541)

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Selected Editorial

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Is freedom of the press an inalien-
able American right, or only a public-
ity privilege that people may enjoy
as long as the Roman Catholic hier-
archy sees fit to let them enjoy it?

A newspaper incident in California
reveals that the hierarchy is prepared
promptly to suppress that right when-
ever a newspaper prints news un-
favorable to Roman Catholicism.
According to the story, a priest and
his woman companion were arrested
for drunken driving. He was reported
to have plead guilty, and to have paid
a fine of \$250. When a newspaper
reporter called at the office of the
archbishop to verify the incident, the
archbishop demanded that the story
be suppressed. But the newspaper

published it, whereupon the arch-
bishop urged his clergy to denounce
what he classified as the newspaper's
"antagonistic attitude," and to say
that if this failed to get results he
would write a letter to be read from
every pulpit in his diocese condemn-
ing the paper. Whereupon members
of a Catholic Laymen's Club boycotted
the newspaper. By Saturday the
Catholic churches had withdrawn
their advertisements. When this in-
cident was publicized in Time news-
magazine, a Roman Catholic army
chaplain wrote a letter in which he
said, "California Catholics will take
care of the newspaper and Catholics
of the United States will take care of
Time." More restrained was an Epis-
copal clergyman who wrote, "It is not
a matter of great moment whether
the chance indiscretion of a priest be
reported in a newspaper or not, but
it is highly important that attempts
to intimidate the press be given the
fullest publicity."

How different is the reaction when
a Protestant minister is involved in
misbehavior. Recently several papers
in the East printed the story of a
Protestant minister who confessed,
after arrest, to having impaired the
morals of boys. Did his denomina-
tional headquarters descend upon the
newspapers and threaten boycott,
withdrawal of advertising, or other
penalties for exercising their freedom
in the publication of news? They
did not.

Whether newspapers show good
sense and sound journalistic judg-
ment in publicizing the occasional
misconduct of ministers is open to
argument. Sensationalism is always
an insidious journalistic temptation.
But no agency in the United States,
political or ecclesiastical, except tem-
porary wartime military censorship,
has the right to make rules as to how
freedom of the press shall be exer-
cised. The Evangelical Christian of
Toronto, Canada, summarized the
California incident by saying, "Rom-
anism and the Four Freedoms just do
not mix."—Missions.

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Southern Seminary Remodels Buildings

The second floor of the faculty-
offices wing of Norton hall, adminis-
tration building of the Southern Bap-
tist Theological Seminary, Louisville,
will be completed this summer to pro-
vide badly needed office space.

Other construction which will be
under way at the seminary as soon
as the lifting of emergency building
restrictions will permit will include an
infirmary building with adequate fa-
cilities for elementary hospitalization
for the entire seminary group, includ-
ing children of seminary families; and
a classroom wing to correspond to the
library wing of Norton hall. It is be-
lieved that all of this work can be
done this summer, President Fuller
has announced.

The ground floor of the classroom
wing will include a social hall, a visual
education room, and a kitchenette.
The first floor will consist of class-
rooms and study halls, and the second
floor will consist of seminary class-
rooms, a radio studio, and a public
speech studio.

As soon as the new infirmary build-
ing can be erected, part of one wing
of Mullins hall, now used as an in-
firmary, will be converted into living
quarters for guests, including bed-
rooms with private baths, and a din-
ing room and a writing room.

Lewis Gee Gates---The Man And His Ministry

By E. D. Hurst

In the middle of the last century the Gates family lived toward the southwest section of Mississippi in the Hopewell community close where the Pearl flows by Copiah county and on to the gulf. The country was new and the people were plain and honest. The home and the church, the school and the state were the institutions then known and loved by the folk. This primitive period claimed the best in stalwart men and loyal women. The problems of the day were those common to pioneers and daring builders. Among the seers and patriots of the time were the saddle-bag preachers and doctors, and these met the challenges of a rugged people in a primitive way. With vision and courage these men helped to survey the land and blaze the way for progress in a new state and for a new day.

Among those who lived in the Hopewell community were John J. Gates and Sarah Ellen Gates, his wife. It was here they built a home and joined in the welfare and progress of the county. There home and church found first place in their lives. To them three children were born, two boys and one girl. On May 31, 1875, the first son, Lewis Gee Gates was born. The experiences of the home life were those common to many, but a quiet faith and deep convictions in all matters of right ruled in the home. The aspirations of Lewis Gates led to Mississippi College and a pressing desire to become a medical doctor. On the farm with his father Lewis was challenged to become a Christian when his father said to him: "Lewis, I would rather see you a Christian than anything else in the world." From Mississippi College, with honors, he went to the Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, and trained for the ministry of the gospel. His first pastorate was at Senatobia, Mississippi. On June 3, 1902, he was married to Miss Jessie Hemphill of Marlin, Texas. In April, 1905, he visited in Laurel, and on May 20 of that year became the pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city.

Preacher, Teacher, Citizen

Here there is no brief way to note the work of Lewis Gee Gates as pastor, preacher, teacher, citizen and civic leader in his city and state. With the range of a pioneer and the spirit of a builder, his first tasks were to uproot the strongholds of evil and lay firm the foundations of righteousness. To this task he called his church and those of this city who would confidently follow him. To this task he dedicated his life and work. In this work he was inspired by his faith in God and the loyal devotion and sacrifice of his wife and three children in the home, and the faithfulness of his church. For twenty-four years this crusade to break down the evil and to establish righteousness went on in a very pronounced way. This period, in the words of a great statesman, was one of "blood, sweat and tears." It was also one of great victories for God and this city.

A Builder

As a builder Dr. Gates (he much prefers to be called "Preacher" Gates) envisioned three great institutions—the church, the school, the hospital. He gave much of his time and energy and money to these for the cause of Christian training and healing.

In 1905 the First Baptist Church had



DR. LEWIS GEE GATES

a one-story frame structure and a membership of about 350. The first building program changed it to a two-story house with classrooms for Sunday school and Laurel's first public library, with playgrounds and a variety of wholesome recreation added. In 1919 the present large brick structure was started and was finished and occupied in August, 1920. The building and contents value more than \$100,000, fully paid. To this improvement was added a pastor's home worth \$10,000. The membership has grown to 1105, with a Sunday school of 726, a Training Union with 127 enlisted, and the Woman's Missionary Union with 216 members. The church financial budget has grown from less than \$5,000 to more than \$43,000 in 1944.

Leading in Building Hospital

Early in his work in this city the pastor led in building a hospital and the Jessie Gates Hospital became a reality for the relief of the sick and suffering. After a few years the institution was taken over by the state and became the South Mississippi Charity Hospital, and now continues as one of our institutions.

Helped Clarke College

Dr. Gates was interested in the establishment of Clarke Memorial College at Newton, and through the years has given time and money to the school, and has encouraged boys and

girls to seek a Christian education. All of our Baptist schools have had his support and financial help. Many young preachers have been inspired and given a lift by him that led them to seek college and seminary training for a larger ministry.

During the passing years Laurel was growing. Her population constantly increased. This pastor and church cooperated in organizing the Second Avenue Baptist Church, and later the South Laurel Baptist Church, and more recently the Beacon Baptist Church in our city. Other churches have been helped and encouraged, and some rural churches organized. The West Laurel Baptist Church was established before his coming to the city. This is truly the work of a builder.

A Great Denominational Leader

In a wider range of work and influence Dr. Gates has been a great denominational leader and has had a part in the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for a long period. He has served on our school and hospital boards and our convention committees. During the year 1928 and 1929 he was president of the state convention. At the same time he has had a vision of world missions and has led this church to a strong position in the support of Southern Baptist work in missions at home and in foreign fields. In the year 1944 more than \$18,000 was contributed by the church for missions.

A Shadow

In the year 1929 some shadows came into the life of the church and the pastor. In October of that year Mrs. Jessie Hemphill Gates, the pastor's wife, passed to her heavenly reward. This was an hour of trial and sorrow. A loyal and faithful companion and mother had slipped away. The church lost a true and worthy member. In her memory this church established the Jessie Gates Memorial Mission Monument, a perpetual endowment of \$5,000 for the cause of missions in China.

Another event of 1929, which fell heavily upon the country and became a great trial and burden to leaders everywhere in every walk of life, did not pass this church and pastor un-

harm. The financial crash of October 1929 tried the temper of men and great numbers failed. Re-enforcement of moral courage and spiritual life was the need of the hour. Men whose lives were anchored in faith and had living courage were called to the task of aiding human endurance. This pastor gave himself unfalteringly to those who called upon his store of wisdom and faith in God. In 1936 his strength and force failed him, and for more than a half year he retired to recover strength and to rebuild the man. This experience in the years which are given to mellow and enrich the qualities of man in mind and soul has endowed this pastor with a sense of God and the spiritual life which come to a full revelation only in the eternities.

Romance

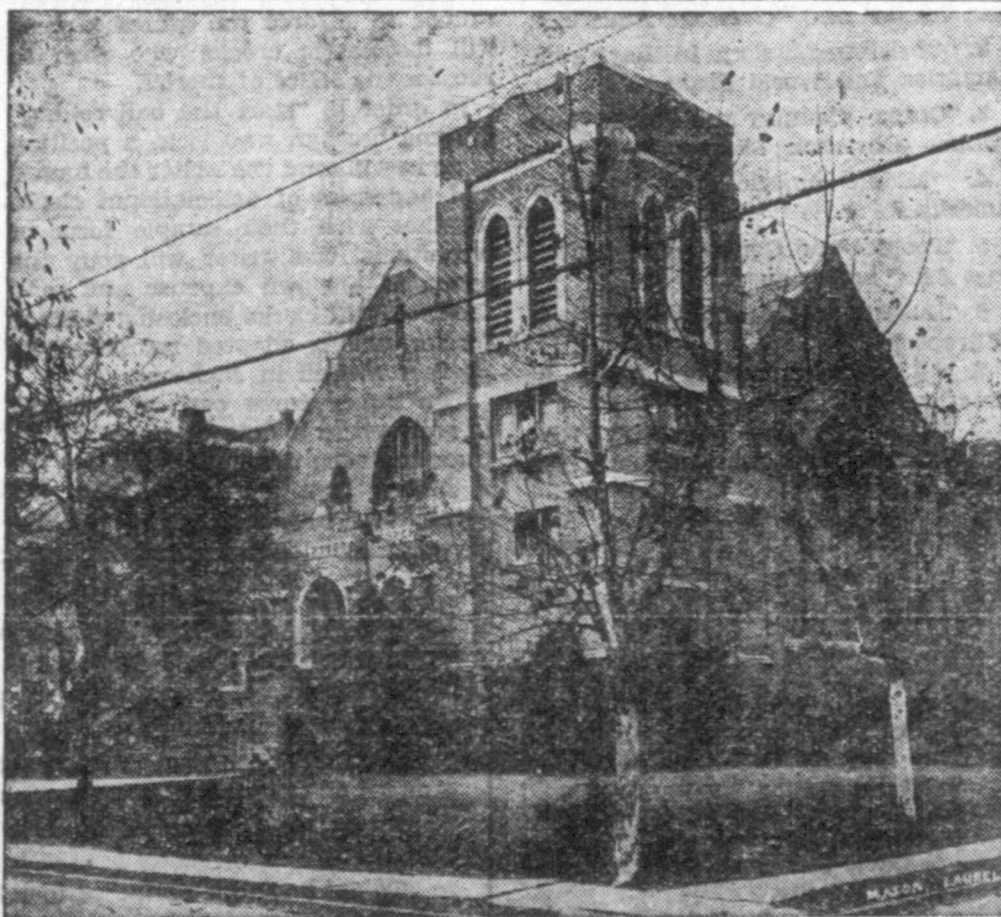
In November 1930 a lovely romance brought the pastor and Miss Marion Tate of his congregation to the marriage altar, and the strength of two was joined in a common love for the work of the Master and the church, and a home of gracious hospitality was opened to the church and community. The comradeship of this pastor and his wife and their vision of the Christian program in a local and world sphere have been an inspiration and a benediction to those who love the Lord and who look forward to His coming.

A Lover of People

Through the years Dr. Gates has been a close observer of the times and a student of events. He is a lover of people and may rightly be called "a champion of the rights of men." His sympathy and help are for those who need most. His compass is the "Blue Print," the Word of God. His aims are right and benevolence. His program is for life and happiness to others with himself. He is a man of great humility and endowed with a great faith in God. His claims are made in prayer. His service is rendered in the spirit of meekness. He is impatient with evil and seeks to do good. He loves nature and the out-of-doors life. He likes sports and the woods—and is a fisherman of no mean reputation.

The pastorate of this man of God in the First Baptist Church will close the first week of July. His mantle will fall on younger shoulders. His experiences and prayers will abide with this people. His deeds will live. His spirit of Christian fellowship and love for men will endure. His example of faith and courage will continue to inspire many. His stewardship of life and things will endow those who carry on the Christian cause. His works will continuously witness for the Christ he owns.

Dr. Lewis Gee Gates and the First Baptist Church of Laurel have come to their fortieth anniversary as pastor and people. Forty years of continuous ministry in one church! Forty years of continuous cooperation in Christian service and the gospel ministry! This span of service may not be without parallel but the occasion is one of distinct honor to this pastor, and one of notable achievement with this people. And surely it is one of rare experience in the annals of the church and the Christian ministry. This is an hour of Hallelujahs! A day of glorious praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God! "O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever"—Psalm 117.



Present Building Of The Laurel First Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., Erected 1920

Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

Concerning Relief For Italy

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong writes "While in Washington I had opportunity to talk with Mrs. Dewey Moore and also to see Giovanna Arbanashich. The clothing bundles had been received in great numbers by the Evangelical Relief Committee. It was interesting to learn that such clothing may continue to be sent to the New York headquarters but the agents are restricted from making public appeals until the UNRRA drive is completed. Mrs. Moore says that the small boxes are helping our Italian Baptists greatly—that each box is easily worth one thousand times as much as its value here. Let us keep these friendship boxes moving."

Italian Boxes Received

Word comes through one of the Jackson men, Mr. Randolph Jones, stationed with the army in Italy, that the individual boxes sent by Baptist friends in this country to Italian Baptists have been received and are being received and that they are helping to meet the great need for food and clothing. Mr. Jones has made several visits to Rome and on the first visit he looked up the Baptist pastor and on each succeeding visit has gone to see the pastor, Rev. Vincenzo Veneziano and his family. Mr. Jones has written of the desperate need and his last letter to his wife brings this good news about the arrival of the boxes.

Now that the UNRRA drive is completed there is greater opportunity to stress our efforts for the Baptists and other evangelicals in Italy. The committee will continue to receive boxes of clothing for Italy, the boxes should be sent prepaid to: Evangelical Committee for Relief in Italy, 395 Broome St., New York 13, New York.

Missionary Round Tables

"The world begins on your Main Street!" is the slogan of the Braniff Airways, summing up vividly the way in which our world has, in these recent years, become a smaller place through the development of travel by air. "No spot on earth is more than 60 hours from your nearest airport," says the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, in expressing the same thought.

Well do we know that it is a troubled and bleeding world that begins on our Main Street, a world in sore need of help, of comfort and the ministry of love. Physical distances may be measured now by hours, but to bridge the distance between us and the peoples of the world as measured in intelligent understanding, accurate knowledge and readiness for fellowship and co-operation is a far greater task. Ignorance, antagonism, and hatred divide the peoples of the earth even more surely than national boundaries, lack of means of communications, language and cultural differences.

Christianity is the only bridge that has held unbroken across these chasms in the fiery test of war. To the Christian the world is truly one world, and Christian missions provides the one unbreakable tie that can bind it together. Christ, the "Desire of All Nations," is the common denominator of all hearts, of every race, nationality

and color, every condition and position, whether rich or poor, scholar or illiterate. Truly Christian missions has become the wisest strategy of all wars, the one sure way to lasting peace.

Sincere belief that this is true does not miraculously make us intelligent concerning missions. Through our prayers for missions be ever so fervent, they cannot be undergirded by intelligent understanding of the problems and opportunities faced by our missionaries unless we study these for ourselves.

So, within Woman's Missionary Union, the Missionary Round Table is a plan for wider reading on mission fields and work; the peoples and countries of the world; political, economic and social conditions that help or hinder missions; men and women of all lands who are significant to Christian missions; and portrayals of how people live, by those who know our own and other lands intimately and sympathetically. Missionary Round Tables take you into the far fascinating places of the earth, as well as bring you to look intimately and understandingly at the world just outside your door.

Armchair travel has a fascination all its own which not even the real thing ever quite satisfies. W. M. U. brings this into use as a tool for wider missionary knowledge and understanding by stimulating the reading of books of authentic value in understanding the world which begins on your Main Street. It is a fascinating way in which you may undergird your missionary prayers with information and inspiration.

Details Concerning Missionary Round Tables

If you are interested in this advanced study, write to your W. M. U. Department, Box 530, Jackson, for leaflet setting forth the plan. Also write for a book list on the particular "field" in which you are interested and plan to use. We have the book lists on the following subjects:

1. "American Democracy and Christian Ideals" and "Overseas America."
2. "Christian Missions in War," and "America and World Peace."
3. "China—Country and People" and "China—Christian Missions."
4. "Middle America" and "South America."
5. "Peoples and Countries of South-east Asia" and "Japan."
6. "Russia and the Middle East" and "Europe."
7. "Africa" and "The Negro in America."
8. "The American Minority Problems" and "The American and His Community."

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MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- May 28—Rex Reed, Baptist Foundation Trustee.
May 29—Rev. D. W. Moulder, Smith County Convention Board Member.
May 30—Rev. Mack Jones, Covington County Convention Board Member.
May 31—Pray for G. A's and R. A's in Camp During the Month of June.
June 1—Mrs. J. B. Parker, State W. M. U. Stewardship Chairman.
June 2—David E. Guyton, Blue Mountain College Faculty.
June 3—Rev. R. C. Holcomb, Attala County Convention Board Member.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An article appearing in the April 8 issue of the Memphis Commercial Appeal contained a statement which has become a burden on my heart and I am passing the message on to Christian leaders in the state. The statement was "On the basis of federal records made available through the states' ten per cent 'black market' tax on liquor, \$10,000,000 worth of whiskey was imported into dry Mississippi in 1944."

Only God knows the harm done by the liquor brought into our state; only He knows how many were led to form the liquor habit, how many cars were wrecked and how many lives cut off.

Congress pledged protection to dry states when it repealed the 18th amendment in 1933. Ten million dollars worth of liquor being allowed to come into our state proves that our government has failed in its pledge to dry states. We need to make appeal to our representatives in Congress.

The writer would like to suggest that each Baptist Association in its annual session adopt resolutions to send to our two senators and seven congressmen to make an earnest effort to have the federal government keep its pledge to dry Mississippi, by directing that no intoxicating liquors be transported into our state.

The article referred to also states that "black market tax is being paid by liquor dealers in 54 counties." It is obvious that sheriffs in these counties are not enforcing the state's liquor and gambling laws. The open sale of liquor and the operation of slot machines go together.

While the associations are adopting resolutions let them also appeal to the 1946 legislature to provide an effective law for the removal from office of sheriffs, who fail or refuse to enforce the liquor and gambling machine laws. Our present laws are ineffective when the sheriffs virtually name the grand jury foreman, who does not indict the offending sheriff.

A faithful sheriff need not resort to court action to rid his county of slot machines and liquor dealers. If he gives notice that he will not permit them his notice will be respected. The writer has seen this proved in his county. Quick removal from office for failure to enforce the aforesaid laws will discourage crooks who wish to run for the office of sheriff.

In order to "start the ball rolling" if some brother, who is in a position to do it, will send the writer the names and addresses of associational clerks together with their sample form of resolutions, the writer will copy the forms at his own expense and mail them to said clerks enclosing postage for forwarding adopted resolutions to Brother McCall in Jackson.

The liquor curse can be expected to grow worse if nothing more is done than has been done. If some one has a better plan for combatting the curse let us have it. May we be dili-

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP EXHIBITED

Eddie F. Hicks, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Waynesboro
The following incident reveals the spirit of true Christianity and practical religion:

The First Baptist Church of Waynesboro has for its closest neighbor a good Methodist steward, Dr. W. P. Gray. Situated between his home and the Baptist church is a nice, large, well kept plot of land which he owns and which the church desired to purchase with a view of someday enlarging the present church plant.

Although Dr. Gray has been deluged with offers he steadfastly refused all and offered this lot to the church for considerably less than the market value of such real estate. The church has gratefully accepted this offer and the business of purchasing this land has been consummated. Dr. Gray's comment was, "My wife and I wanted the church to have the land." The climax of it all came when Dr. Gray voluntarily added several feet to the plot with no addition in price.

The people of the Baptist church are very grateful to Dr. Gray for the fine Christian spirit he displayed and the generousness of his dealings. Such things are typical of this good Methodist steward who is a leader in the life of his church.

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In cooperation with our Baptist leadership, the Radio Committee offers sixteen 15-minute transcribed programs featuring talks by a number of our denominational leaders, together with the history and distinctive principles of Baptists. Forty-five stations are broadcasting these now and other requests are coming in. These records are available without cost for use in your local station. Arrange with your station manager to broadcast these and upon your request the radio committee will gladly send them to you or your station. The material in the programs is such that it will be timely to broadcast them any time during the year. The address is 427½ Moreland Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, 3, Ga.

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Chaplain James F. McCrary of West Point and graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. The citation reads in part, "Chaplain McCrary's outstanding accomplishments and performance of duties are in the highest traditions of the military service."

gent in the combat for His sake and for the better welfare of His creatures in Mississippi.—Milton Payne, Olive Branch, Miss.

SEND ONLY 50c

for four books of evangelistic sermons (108 pages of gospel reading). Titles are: "The Blood of Christ," "What Does the Future Hold?" "The New Birth," and "Hell, God's Penitentiary for Sinners." Send 50c and this ad to: Evangelist John L. Bray, 1066 LaRue St. So. Jacksonville, Florida.

Read Favorite Sermons

"My Favorite Sermon" by Mississippi pastors and preached to Mississippi people will begin soon.

Baptist Record readers will want to read this series. It will give them samples of the kind of sermons that others are hearing.

Every Mississippi pastor has been invited to submit his favorite sermon.

To get a sample of the various kinds of sermons heard in Mississippi, get ready to read "My Favorite Sermon" which starts soon.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary W. R. ROBERTS, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

That Gold Seal

We have a great number of Standard Intermediate classes and eleven Standard Intermediate departments. A number of these will maintain this rating consistently through the four quarters of the year. Those that do this will rate the Gold Seal. No class or department can get the Gold Seal unless the Standard has been maintained for each of the four quarters of the year.

If your class or department is Standard (we are speaking of Intermediates), you should have received from Nashville a regular application blank for the Gold Seal at the end of the year. You do not send in a report each quarter to Jackson or Nashville, but keep the blank, fill in the application at the end of each quarter, except the last. In order to receive the Gold Seal before Promotion Day (the last Sunday in September), complete the report for the fourth quarter immediately after the second Sunday in September and mail the report to Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. If you do not have this special application for getting your Gold Seal at the end of this year, write Miss Lee to send you one.

V. B. S. Clinics

During the week of May 7-11, we had Dr. Homer L. Grice, Southwide Vacation Bible school leader, with us in Mississippi for five association Vacation Bible school clinics. All the meetings were good and a wonderful spirit prevailed all the way through. One very encouraging feature was that each of these associations is planning for a 100% record this year in Vacation Bible schools. That is, a school in every church, and then a great number of mission schools and Negro schools will also be promoted.

We were in Bolivar Association with 14 of the 18 churches represented and eight pastors present. Then came Deer Creek Association with 12 churches represented and eight pastors present. In Covington Association 16 of the 18 churches were represented, with nine pastors present. In Jones Association we had 19 churches represented with 12 pastors present.

We are getting reports of many churches planning Vacation schools this year for the first time. It is certainly one of our very finest opportunities to give our boys and girls some of the finest Bible teaching they will get. Many of them will be won to Christ because of the Vacation Bible school.

The Vacation Bible school should certainly be a major in the program of every church every year. It should be the happiest time of the year for the boys and girls, and it can be if we will put out for it in our planning and thinking as we do for other important parts of the church program.

There are 55 million lost adults in the South and every one is a living monument to a spiritually neglected childhood. Our churches can, through the agency of the Vacation Bible school, greatly help to relieve such a condition by getting the boys and girls early in life through a Bible teaching program.

Books and supplies may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss., for your Vacation Bible school, and our Sunday School Department will be glad to mail you a package of the free literature on request.

The Association

The Association and its program gives us one of the very best opportunities we have of carrying on our work as Baptists. It is not too small to give us the challenge of a great work, and it is not too large to be cumbersome for the best

Quite a number of our associations are now employing missionaries. Others have the same plan coming up and have even arranged for the money with which to finance it, but have been unable so far to get someone to do the work. The fact that so many of our preachers are in the chaplaincy now is causing some difficulty in locating people enough to do the association work, since the churches must have their pastors anyway.

However, with permanently paid leadership in the association, there seems to be no question but it is the very best way for us to reclaim much that we have lost without it. We cannot hope for all we need by depending on volunteer leadership, any more than we can expect the best results in a local church through volunteer pastoral leadership. There must be some one whose specific—and ONLY—responsibility is that of studying, observing, planning for, organizing, training, enlisting, and promoting ALL the work of ALL the churches in the association.

Life these days is so complex, and those who are in responsible places are so crowded with work that it is practically impossible for us to expect a great deal from volunteer leadership as to the full work of the association. This has been a very definite conviction with us for some ten or twelve years, and it is growing with each passing year.

And, the associations that now have these full time missionaries are definitely proving that it is worth far more than the financial cost. In fact, in the long run there will be a gain financially even, for more money will come into the work than will be paid out for the promotion of all the work of the association. We hope to see the day—and may it be near—when this shall rapidly increase.

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A WIFE SENDS AN EXCELLENT NOTE

Recently the writer received the following note accompanied with a check for \$125: "Dr. Patterson Chair of Bible in memory of my late husband, Sidney B. Collier. He thought so much of Dr. Patterson and Mississippi College. Mrs. Sidney Collier, Pelahatchie, Miss." This is an excellent note because it demonstrates a fitting method of paying tribute to the memory of a departed loved one, giving support and honor to the objects of his admiration, and at the same time, giving a portion of one's own life for the promotion of a worthy cause.

Capable leadership for the future depends on the rightful teaching of God's Word. This includes leadership not only in the ministry; but also in Home, Society, Education, Business and Government.

May many others join with this good woman in providing rightful teaching of the Bible by adding to the endowment of the chair of Bible at Mississippi College. Send your contribution, great or small, through your church or to the Baptist Convention Board and be sure to indicate that it is for the M. O. Patterson Memorial.

BRYAN SIMMONS.

—BR—

Pa: "Tommy, I am not at all pleased with the report your teacher sent me in regard to your conduct." Tommy: "I knew you wouldn't be and I told her so, but she went right on and made it out that way. Just like a woman, isn't it?"

Significant Facts About Mississippi College

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

J. A. Travis

1. Q. Mississippi College is a liberal arts college. What type program does the college offer?
A. The primary aim of Mississippi College is to offer the opportunity for well-rounded higher education to a choice group of young people in a definitely Christian environment. To the end that a Christian leadership might be provided for church and state and a Christian philosophy of life developed, it fosters the general growth of well-rounded personalities, the enrichment of life experiences of the students by directing their development in all departments of living—physical, mental, social, aesthetic, moral and spiritual.
2. Q. Mississippi College features Christian Education. In what respect is the program of education at Mississippi College distinctive?
A. All subjects are taught by outstanding Christian scholars. All subject matter is presented from and related to a background of Christian experience. A student without money can gain equal consideration with any other student. There are no castes, cliques or special classes. Mississippi College starts with the Christian concept and makes every effort to implement it throughout its entire program.
3. Q. Has Mississippi College been living within its current revenues? Is there any outstanding indebtedness?
A. The college is debt free and is operating well within its current revenues.
4. Q. Does Mississippi College have any particular advantages in its location?
A. Clinton is most fortunate in its location. It has been an educational and a religious center for a century. It is rich in culture, history and tradition. It is a beautiful, cultured and healthy town with paved streets and all modern conveniences. Clinton is only six miles from the city limits of Jackson and is connected to the Capital City by two paved highways and a railroad. It is near enough to Jackson to enable Mississippi College students to observe the practical application of theories and principles in multiple and varied activities and, at the same time, far enough to afford quiet for study. Clinton has beautiful schools and churches, and many of its citizens are prominent leaders throughout Mississippi and the South.
5. Q. What is the Mississippi College Enlargement Program?
A. It is the most forward looking program in the history of Mississippi College. It is hoped that most of the \$600,000 needed for improvements will be raised within one year. The plan includes:
1. An administration building.
2. A modern dormitory for young women.
3. The endowment of departments.
4. The expansion of library facilities.

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Blue Mountain, Miss., May 17—The International Relations Club of Blue Mountain College elected officers as follows: President, Dorothy Smith, Carthage; vice-president, Kathleen Bush, Pinola; program chairman, Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tennessee, and Dorothy Scott, Newton; secretary, Mary Ruth Johnson, Knoxville, Tennessee.

A sailor and a sailor's wife, both at home on furlough, were baptized at Adaton church, Oktibbeha county, the fifth Sunday in April. Rev. C. S. Mullins is pastor.

cilities.

5. The enlargement of the student body.
6. Q. What agency authorized the Mississippi College enlargement Program?
A. The program was authorized by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in its annual session at Jackson, Mississippi, November 14-16, 1944. In deference to other campaigns, the movement was not begun officially until March 1, 1945. Prior to its approval by the State Convention, the enlargement program had received the unanimous endorsement of the faculty and the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College.
7. Q. How will the contributions of the Mississippi College Enlargement Program be distributed?
A. Gifts may be designated for the benefit of any object the donor may desire. All undesignated funds will be credited to the Mississippi College Enlargement Program and allocations will be made on the basis of greatest need as determined by the Board of Trustees.
8. Q. Why is Mississippi College promoting an endowment and improvement campaign at this particular time?
A. (1) Economic conditions are favorable at the present time.
(2) The present and future needs of the college require a program of expansion.
(3) Strong Christian colleges will be a "bulwark of defense" in the post-war world.
(4) Many of our Baptist colleges in the South are now sponsoring campaigns for necessary improvements. Mississippi Baptists cannot afford to lag behind the advancing procession of Southern Baptists.

Laurel Honors Dr. Gates

By Ernest E. Hoffman

Tribute to a man and a prophet of God was paid Dr. Lewis G. Gates on Sunday in impressive services commemorating forty years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Laurel. Standing room was at a premium in the morning service with the balcony and Sunday school rooms opened to provide room for the crowd. Hundreds of friends of the minister and Mrs. Gates called between 3 and 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the reception in the church basement and another capacity crowd attended the night service. The evening program was featured by a pageant, "The Ruby Years—Four Decades of History," by Emily Buchanan Griffith, and a consecration service with the subject "Let Us Go Forward," led by Chester Swor. Attendance at all three services represented all denominations and all phases of life in the city of Laurel.

Charles T. Walters, chairman of the board of deacons more than thirty years, presided at the morning hour when approximately 25 persons who were members of the First Baptist Church forty years ago when Dr. Gates was called as pastor were recognized. Sam Lindsey, superintendent of the Sunday school for 33 years, gave the invocation and reported 762 (a record) present in Sunday school. (Exactly 40 more than the enrollment, 726, on the 40th anniversary.) A love offering for Dr. Gates, who will retire as pastor July 1, totalled exactly \$2,753.85, to which more is expected to be added. The church had previously purchased a lovely residence to which Dr. Gates will move when he vacates the parsonage.

Dr. Grayson L. Tucker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Laurel for more than thirty years, gave up his own service to sit on the platform with and pay a tribute to Dr. Gates on his "Forty Years in the Community." E. D. Hurst, church treasurer for 33 years, discussed "Forty Years in Our Church" in his tribute to Dr. Gates. The anniversary message was brought by Chester Swor, outstanding layman in the Southern Baptist Convention, using as his subject "God's Prophets." Dr. Gates spoke briefly in gratitude and pronounced the benediction.

Following the singing of "How Firm a Foundation," the Presbyterian minister, Dr. Tucker, spoke of the "rare and unique privilege to be here with a company of friends to commemorate a ministry of 40 years."

"Forty years ago, Lewis Gee Gates came to Laurel as a preacher," continued Dr. Tucker. "... The circle he has touched during these forty years has been much wider than this church. He has not only watched Laurel grow from a sawmill village; he, himself, has been a part of that growth. ... From Laurel's beginning, his moral courage, his wisdom, and his generosity in support of all worthy institutions were indispensable. Without stint he has given of his time, his thought and effort, and with equal generosity of his money. Laurel is under a great debt to him as a citizen."

"Through forty years of Christian fellowship and comradeship in the work of the gospel program this pastor and people have grown into a sacred relationship," said the vet-

eran church treasurer, E. D. Hurst. "Through forty years the prayers of the pastor and this people have blended in many experiences with the will of God and many souls have been brought into the kingdom. ... Through forty years of faithful gospel preaching and teaching, and living and giving, this pastor has been a benefactor to mankind. ... Through forty years the visions of the estate of man redeemed on earth and the glories of the celestial for the spiritual man in the eternities have been the hope and the inspiration of this preacher in all of his tasks and ministries. Surely this pastor and people can sing together, 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds.'"

"I cannot trust myself to speak what I have in mind and heart," said Dr. Gates as he apologized for reading his response. First thanking God for His providences through the years and voicing appreciation for the fellowship and cooperation of a faithful and loyal board of deacons and congregation, he said:

"For the love and loyalty of the great host of friends within our membership and many not in our church, I give humble thanks. Your love has spurred me to do my best and I have tried to return it by rendering the best service possible. We have prayed together; we have suffered together; we have rejoiced together; and we have served together. No pastor has been more greatly blessed with the love and devotion of a gracious people than I. ...

"Forty years ago I came to you as a young man of vigor and vision with the dream of making this church one of the strongest spiritual forces in this state. Through the goodness of our heavenly Father and with your sympathy, prayers and soulful co-operation, that dream has in a measure been realized.

"I came to you under the guidance of the Holy Spirit," concluded Dr. Gates. "Just as truly, I am retiring under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that a younger and more vigorous man may assume the leadership. Through all the years my heart and life have been in Jones county, Laurel, and this church. I trust that the future of our church shall be more glorious than the past and that the Holy Spirit shall lead us to the man of God who, in turn, will lead us to greater victories.

"Words are inadequate as I seek to express my appreciation for you and for what you have done for me. You have made it possible for me to spend my last days with my friends in the city I have helped build and which I love."

"In the scintillating galaxy of those prophets of God," said Chester Swor, "Lewis G. Gates is a worthy member. Unmistakably called by the voice of God, recipient of God's irresistible message for His people, emboldened by conviction and courage, enriched through the powers of patience, sympathy, love and understanding, and guided staunchly by an implicit faith, Dr. Gates has been a true servant of God, a distinguished prophet to God's people.

"There is much in the make-up of Dr. Gates that reminds us of the faith of Abraham, the loyalty-under-fire of Joseph and Daniel, the vision of Moses, the powerful preaching of Isaiah, the warnings of Jeremiah, the prophetic heart of Ezekiel, the peerless courage of Elijah, and the pas-

CENTRAL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCED

Dr. J. I. Riddle, president of Judson College, Marion, Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of Nashville, Tennessee, are speakers during the commencement of Central College, Conway, Arkansas, May 26-28. Edwin S. Preston is the president.

Mr. Lambdin is secretary and editor of the Southwide Baptist Training Union. Mrs. Lambdin is an editor for Southwide Training Union publications.

Mrs. Lambdin will be the speaker at the Alumnae luncheon on Saturday, May 26. Mr. Lambdin will deliver the baccalaureate address Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church. Dr. Riddle speaks at the graduation service Monday morning, May 28.

Central College is the Baptist girls' college of Arkansas. Located in Conway, near Little Rock, the college has a present capacity of one hundred and fifty students.

After suffering a disastrous fire a little more than two years ago, Central College set about a program of remodeling.

Within the past two years, a semi-centennial campaign has ended after raising forty thousand dollars from Arkansas Baptists. Gifts from friends of the college have amounted to over forty thousand dollars in that same period. The budget allocation has been raised from five thousand dollars in 1943 to fifteen thousand dollars last year and to twenty-eight thousand dollars this year. The college has no indebtedness. A \$75,000 remodeling program has been completed within recent months.

Edwin S. Preston, president, is chairman of the radio committee of the Southern Baptist Convention which presents various radio programs, including "The Baptist Hour" which is heard every Sunday morning over a southwide network.

Central College has been a member of the North Central Association since 1925 and is a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges. Five additional teachers with Master's degrees

sionate soul of Paul.

"In the experiences of Dr. Gates," asserted Mr. Swor, "as in the case of all true prophets of God, there have been hilltops, moments of memorable demonstrations of God's power; plateaus, hours of very real struggle with forces of sin outside and within the church; and valleys of sorrow, suffering and disappointment. Through them all he has emerged not only victorious, but strong and mellow and tender of heart.

"The very beauty of this city reflects his wholesome righteousness; the sanctity of its homes testifies to his battles for triumph of civic purity; the excellence of its schools bespeaks his wonderful cooperation; its institutions of healing betoken his deep concern for ministering to the ills of mankind; the very trees which line this city's lovely thoroughfares remind us all of L. G. Gates—anchored deep in the provisions and promises of good, lifting their arms and heads aloft in faith and praise to God who gave them being."

Frank E. Burkhalter Retires From Teaching Post At Baylor University

C. E. Bryant
Editor, Arkansas Baptist

Professor Frank E. Burkhalter is retiring from the Baylor University faculty this June that he may spend the future years writing books and magazine articles which have been on his heart for many years.

Mr. Burkhalter, a Texan, began a journalistic career while a Baylor student, 1902-07. After graduation he edited and served as reporter on daily newspapers in Fort Worth, Waco, Houston, and San Antonio.

He was Southern Baptist representative on the United Stewardship Council of America, 1922-29; directed publicity on the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Stockholm 1923, and in Toronto 1928. He covered the Stockholm meeting for The Associated Press. He was secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1926-29.

Mr. Burkhalter returned to chairmanship of Baylor's Journalism Department at Waco, Tex., in 1929, and has given now 16 years to teaching young Baptists the principles of good journalism.

"The Professor" plans to continue to live in Waco, giving his full time to writing. He has much to write in information and inspiration, as typified by his books, "Winning the Adolescent Boy" (1935), and "Living Abundantly" (1942).

The Baylor Board of Trustees elected Professor Burkhalter chairman emeritus of the journalism department.

—BR—

Dr. William Potter of Neosho, Missouri, has accepted the pastorate at Carthage. He succeeds Rev. H. W. Shirley, who recently went to Purvis. Dr. Potter was formerly pastor at McLain.

have been added to the faculty during the past two years. The purpose of the institution is to continue to be a distinctive Christian college.

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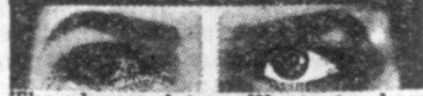
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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

May 27, 1945

THE RETURNED EXILES AND THEIR WORK

The three last of the historical books of the Old Testament date from and relate to the period of the exile. Ezra, named from its compiler, and Nehemiah, named for its leading character, were combined in the Hebrew canon; and they treat of the restoration of many Jews to their homeland. Esther, bearing the name of its heroine, gives a picture of the Jews who were content to remain in the land of captivity. The actual history in these books occupied a score of years, but the events are distributed throughout a period of over a century. They directly continue the record given in the Chronicles.

Lesson Text and Outline

Nehemiah 8:1-4, 5-6, 8, 12; 9:1-3

I. The Word of God Sought (Nehemiah 8).

1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

II. The Word of God Brought (Nehemiah 8).

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose.

III. The Word of God Taught (Nehemiah 8).

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up;

6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. . . .

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

IV. The Word of God Reviving (Nehemiah 8).

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

V. The Word of God Reforming (Nehemiah 9).

1 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with

sackclothes, and earth upon them.

2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God one fourth part of the day: and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the Lord their God.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The assembly sought the word of God. The people on that bright autumn morning gathered themselves together as one man in the commodious public park lying between the wall of the Temple and that of the city. In that vast assemblage were crowded men and women, and, indeed, all who could hear with understanding.

2. The reformer brought the word of God. The central figure was Ezra, the illustrious scribe. For the first time in thirteen years he appears in Jerusalem. He probably had spent the interval in Babylon studying the manuscripts of the law and the prophets and collecting them into the one volume which we have today in the Old Testament. He therefore brought to the Jews the complete scriptures just at the time when they were most anxious to receive them. Prominent Levites probably relieved Ezra in the reading of the scriptures for it would be impossible for him to read loudly for six hours in the open air.

3. The instructors taught the Word of God. Bible teaching engaged for several hours the fourteen teachers on the platform and their helpers among the thousands of their countrymen in the open spaces before them. Beginning the exercises, Ezra rose from his seat with great solemnity and opened the book in the sight of all the people who immediately arose to the same attitude of reverence. The first act was that of devout adoration to God. Then followed the reading of the scriptures, which continued from early morning until midday. The reading was explained and the inquiries of the people answered so that they understood the reading.

4. The people were revived by the Word of God. Ezra had emerged from seclusion with an open Bible in his hand, and the masses must have it. As they heard more distinctly than ever before the thunderings of Sinai and glimpsed the ideals demanded, they felt their own unworthiness with grief uncontrollable. But there was reason for joy instead of sorrow, and the melancholy weight must be lifted from the hearts of the people. So Nehemiah and Ezra reassured the audience and showed them how they could counteract their grief and express their joy.

5. The nation was reformed by the Word of God. That Bible reading on the first day of the month (the Feast of the Trumpets) resulted in a great observance of the Feast of Tabernacles lasting eight days from the fourteenth of the month. That, in turn, after the lapse of but a single day, was followed by a national fast day. They rose from their worship to regird for nobler service for God and country.

The Lesson of the Lesson Search and Teach and Obey God's Word

(1) Receive God's Word. "Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation."

(2) Revere God's Word. "Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; . . . and when he opened

Chicago—Charging that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is trying to change American culture in order to establish a state church, Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Congregational church in Boston, called upon a public mass-meeting here "to reaffirm nationally the basic principles of the Protestant Reformation." The meeting was held under the auspices of the National Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Ockenga criticized the state department for having representatives at the Vatican, and charged "collaboration" with the American Catholic hierarchy in allegedly keeping Protestant missionaries from Latin America.

it, all the people stood up."

(3) Read God's Word. "He read therein . . . from the morning until midday."

(4) Understand God's Word. "He read . . . before the men and women, and those that could understand; . . . caused them to understand . . . they had understood."

(5) Teach God's Word. "They read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense."

(6) Apply God's Word. "All the people wept, when they heard the words of the law" (v. 9).

(7) Obey God's Word. "The children of Israel were assembled with fasting . . . separated themselves . . . stood and confessed their sins, . . . worshipped the Lord their God."

Minutes Needed

Again we call attention to the fact that it would be very helpful to this office if we had a complete file of association minutes. We list the following who have not sent us the minutes of their association, and we will be grateful for receiving these, since it means much to the office in being able to supply data upon requests from people all over Mississippi. This we cannot do unless we have the information at hand. The association minutes lacking follow: **Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Liberty, Perry, Rankin, Tippah, Union, Bolivar, Columbus, Decr Creek, Adams-Franklin, Kemper, Noxubee, George, Greene, Lebanon, Monroe, Tate and Winston.**—D. A. McCall.

—BR—

In the spring revival at Madden church, Leake county, Rev. Barney Walker was the evangelist. As a result of his effective messages and the prayers of the Christian people there were 37 additions. Our increase has been 40 since the association met in the fall.—H. D. Hawkins, pastor.

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Mississippi Ministers' Retirement Plan Year 1944

We give below an official recapitulation on the Ministers' Retirement Plan as of 1944. This recapitulation shows the growing financial strength of the reserve giving stability and security to the plan and participants personally. Every Mississippi Baptist minister and every Mississippi Baptist church should be participating in this plan. The recapitulation follows:

Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Retirement Plan -- 1944 Members' Reserve

Income:	
Member contributions	\$15,060.48
Interest on delinquent contributions	11.67
Interest credits—3½% compound annually	1,395.38
	\$16,467.53
Disbursements:	
Cash withdrawals	103.92
Transfers to Annuity Reserve for: Age annuitants	294.03
Disability annuitants	112.22
Transfers to General Contingent Reserve (Interest credits released)	510.17
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER DISBURSEMENTS	15,957.36
BALANCE OF RESERVE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	32,587.00
BALANCE OF RESERVE AT END OF YEAR	48,544.36

CHURCH AND CONVENTION RESERVE

Income:	
Church contributions	\$16,122.80
Convention contributions	10,040.29
Interest on delinquent contributions	4.37
Interest credits—3½% compound annually	1,734.02
	\$27,901.48
Disbursements:	
Payments to beneficiaries:	
Age annuitants	\$ 6,378.95
Disability annuitants	231.06
Widow annuitants	570.60
Deductions for expenses:	
40% of ¼ of 1% of total salary bases—R&A Bd	502.02
60% of ¼ of 1% of total salary bases—State Bd.	753.01
	8,435.64

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER DISBURSEMENTS	19,465.84
BALANCE OF RESERVE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	40,677.93

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MISS CLARICE CONNER

We are happy to present Miss Clarice Conner of Cleveland, Miss., to our Training Union constituency as a new worker in our state Training Union department. Miss Conner completed her studies at the Baptist Bible Institute early in May and begins her work with us the first of June. Through the summer she will, as will all of our workers, help conduct Vacation Bible schools in connection with the Training Union study course work she will do. The months of June and July will be given by her to Lafayette and Marshall counties, and August will find her serving the churches in Alcorn county. We feel that the Lord has led in Miss Conner coming with us and we commend her to you.

Results of the April 24 Meeting

We had a telegram last week from Mr. Leonard Wedel, Southwide Associational Training Union leader, saying that they had heard from 541 (59%) of the associations in the Southern Baptist Convention and they had reported the goal of 100,000 reached. In Mississippi we had 46 of the 70 associations to report and considering the weather conditions all over the state we feel that we had a highly successful record. About 5,000 attended these meetings in Mississippi. There are still a few who, because of the weather, postponed their meetings and will have it this month, May. Here are a few remarks coming from some of the associational directors: Pike county, heavy rains in afternoon. Wonderful meeting. Fifteen out of 22 churches represented, over 600 attendance.—E. T. Brewer. Mississippi Association, seven churches with 42 members represented in spite of high winds and a deluge. All felt fully compensated for attending under difficult circumstances.—Mrs. A. G. Felder. Lincoln, 10 churches, 161 present, raining, excellent program, wonderful spirit.—A. S. Minton. Marion, eight churches, 85 attendance. It was terrible weather, but we had a nice program.—Mrs. M. C. Conerly. Pearl River, eight churches and 249 present. Juniper Grove church (rural) had a total of 142 people present. We wonder if this is a record attendance for rural churches in Mississippi?—Joe Stuart. Clay, three churches, 39 present. We had a well prepared, well rendered program that I know will help our Training Union work.—Mrs. Hugh Wade. Leflore, six churches, 130 attendance.

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Every resident pastor present; all directors but one. Interest unusually high.—R. A. Tullos. Chickasaw, four churches 121 attendance. Best Training Union meeting I have ever been in considering anybody's association. The attendance shows what type program we had. At our officers' meeting last Sunday p. m., we had 100% attendance. We are really on the way to good things in Chickasaw county.—D. D. Satterwhite. Hinds-Warren, 22 churches and the Orphanage, 602 actually registered; about 50 who did not get in and did not register; 100 from the Orphanage could have been registered that were not because they could not get in the chapel.—Clifton R. Tate. These reports represent various sections of the state and show that considering the weather we had a grand day of it. We thank the heavenly Father and pass on to Him the praise and glory.

Fred Schatz is Guest Speaker in Lebanon Special Meeting

Director Garland McInnis of Lebanon Association reports 19 churches represented on "M" Day, April 24. Mr. Fred Schatz, assistant to the president of Baptist Bible Institute was guest speaker. Carterville won the attendance banner, Wiggins the mileage banner, and Zion Hill the efficiency banner. The next regular meeting will be at Zion Hill church at which the elimination contests will be conducted. Goals for 21 new unions and study courses in 25 churches were set. "It was a GREAT meeting."

The Training Union at Cleveland held a study course April 9-12 with wonderful results. We had two state approved workers with us and they did splendid work. The Juniors studied Living for Jesus, taught by Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, of Vicksburg. The Intermediates studied Training in Christian Service, taught by Mrs. Taylor Howard of Water Valley. The Young People studied the Plan of Salvation, taught by Rev. Kenneth Pepper, of Mississippi College, and the Adults studied Building a Christian Home, taught by our pastor, Dr. Charles Treadway. Our study course was a great success and we feel that every one received a real blessing.

Can you equal this? The Training Union of the Brookhaven church has participated in six Training Union Study courses outside their own church since the first of October. These six plus the one in their own church make seven study courses in six months. This is real mission work and will build any individual or organization.

A STATEMENT OF A YEAR'S EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITIES

The year just closed has been the most wonderful in my life. There were many marvelous experiences and triumphs by the matchless grace of our God, for which ceaseless praise and thanksgiving is given. During the year I was privileged to serve with pastors in Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri and in several sections of Mississippi. At all of these places I found faithful under-shepherds leading the flocks and feeding them on the meat of the word. Too, there were found hosts of loyal members who were faithful to Christ and His world program—ever ready to join in an intensified effort to win the lost to Christ. In this period of time I have rejoiced to see hundreds unite with the churches on profession of faith, by letter, statement and restoration.



FRANK ROBBINS

Frank Robbins Awarded Doctorate

At the recent commencement exercises at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, the Doctor of Theology degree was conferred on Ray Frank Robbins of Lucedale. He is a graduate of Lucedale High School ('37) and Mississippi College ('40).

While a student at Mississippi College he was pastor of East Side church, Jackson, and Providence church, Yazoo county.

Dr. Robbins did graduate work in the fields of English New Testament, New Testament Archaeology and English Old Testament. The subject of his thesis was "Some Factors Which Contributed to the Distinctiveness of the Corinthian Church." He is one of the few who have been able to complete the work for the doctorate in two years. During his study in the Seminary he has been associate pastor of Clifton church, Louisville, Kentucky.—Dr. E. C. Stevens, pastor.

The gospel is as powerful to save as ever and men of all types of character will believe and be saved if they can be brought under preaching of the gospel.

April, the first month in the second year's work has been glorious indeed, with 119 additions to the churches, 85 of them by baptism.

I have accepted meetings where possible in the order in which they have come regardless of where or prevailing circumstances and the Lord has graciously bestowed His blessings.

We look to Him for guidance, the opening of doors and the full employment of our time.

Scores have helped in this work through prayer and I ask you also to place me on your prayer list.

Cordially,

J. A. BARNHILL,
121 S. Prentiss,
Jackson, Miss.

Graysport Combines VBS And Revival

Graysport, Grenada county, held their Vacation Bible school the first week in May. There were 49 enrolled including the faculty and an average attendance of 36. Dr. G. E. Wiley, pastor, First church, Grenada, is pastor.

Rev. E. D. Estes preached each evening and there were nine professions of faith among the boys and girls. Five from one family came by letter making a total of 14 additions.

The Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. J. W. Willis, began planning for the school early in the year, and invited Rev. Estes to come and conduct the school.—Mrs. Rogers Parker, secretary, Graysport church.

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE REINSTATES ATHLETICS

The Board of Trustees of Mississippi College voted unanimously at a recent meeting to resume a full intercollegiate athletic program, including football. Due to war conditions, football was discontinued in 1942 for the duration. Now that the European conflict is over and the war in the Pacific going well, it was decided to lift the ban on intercollegiate athletics and resume football just as soon as conditions will permit.

Mississippi College has developed many outstanding athletes and has held her own with some of the best college teams in the South. Her graduates have been in demand as coaches in other institutions and in high schools. The teams have been noted for their sportsmanship and their co-operation. They have played for the glory of the whole team and the college rather than for selfish honors. This announcement is bringing renewed college spirit into the hearts of the students.

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Pictures Emphasize Need For Baptist Building

Crowded Conditions Hinder Workers

Although Mississippi Baptists now own a modern office building that adequately meets the needs for the various activities of organized Baptist work in Mississippi, many Baptists have not seen the over-crowded conditions at Baptist Headquarters and may not have realized the imperative need of more office space.

Pictured on this page are some scenes taken a few days ago showing how Baptist Headquarters employees resemble sardines.

Upper left: One office must take care of three desks, for secretaries and bookkeepers. In this office are a name plate machine, an addressing machine, several files and a large table used when papers are being wrapped.

Upper right: The stock room is packed with various kinds of supplies. And in addition was used until a few days ago as an office by Rev. A. B. Pierce, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Foundation. And this room seems to be the only place for the Brotherhood Secretary and the Director of Music. This room is also used on Baptist Record mailing day. Mimeographing for all departments is done in this room.

Center left: Dr. McCall's workers do their best under crowded conditions. No one has yet explained how they do so much in as small a place.

Center right: Three bookkeepers, a filing clerk, adding machines, safes, typewriters and supplies practice close communion. And even in such crowded quarters they keep accurate records.

Single center picture: Baptist Record workers barely have desk room.

Bottom left: The mailing room where more than 50,000 Baptist Records are mailed each week. In this one room eight to ten people must work wrapping bundles and operating five mailing machines. The noise must be conducive to good work for names of more than 50,000 subscribers are expertly handled each week and few errors are made.

Bottom right: Equally crowded is the W. M. U. room. One office endeavors to take care of an enormous amount of mailing, and workers and leaders of the various departments of W. M. U. work.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Space would not permit the printing of department head statements for need of more space. These statements will be printed next week.

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Associational Field Men Meet At Philadelphia May 29

Mississippi Baptist field men will meet at Philadelphia May 29. Out of state speakers include Dr. G. S. Dobbins, Louisville, Kentucky, and Prof. W. Plunkett Martin, New Orleans, La.

Dr. J. F. Carter, Dr. W. E. Green, Dr. W. L. Johnson, Rev. Kenneth G. Hall and Rev. B. S. Hilbun compose the program committee. They have planned the following program beginning at 10 a. m.:

Devotional—Rev. R. C. Woodham, Supt. of Missions, Lebanon Association.

Brief Reports from all the Field Men.

Address—"Principles and Methods for our Associational Task," Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, Prof. of Religious Education and Church Administration, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.



"Our State Sunday School Department and the Associational Task,"—General Discussion.

"Our State Training Union Department and the Associational Task," Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Mississippi Training Union Secretary.

Business, Theme — "A Suggested Program for Associational Work in Missis-

issippi."

Address—Prof. W. Plunkett Martin.

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scheduled for May 27-June 3. The evangelist will be Dr. G. S. Dobbins of the Southern Seminary, Prof. W. Plunkett Martin of B. B. I. will direct the music.

May 6-13, Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor, First Church, Vicksburg, led the Belzoni Church in a revival meeting. Professor Inman Johnson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary led the singing. They were forty-two additions, six by letter and 36 for baptism.

Mississippi College Paragraphs

By D. M. Nelson, President

We received last week a check for \$2,000 from Mr. E. O. Batson, of Millard, Miss., to be added to the \$3,000 given recently by his mother, Mrs. Rose Batson. This fund is known as the Lawrence Batson Memorial Student Aid Fund, in honor of Lawrence Batson, son and brother of the donors. This is indeed a worthy and permanent way of memorializing a loved one.

It was our pleasure to visit the church fields of work of two of our splendid ministerial students Sunday. We were with David Grant at Tillatoba in the morning and with Berton McGee at Hardy in the evening. Opportunity was given at both places to present Mississippi College and its Enlargement Program, as well as to bring a spiritual message at the worship hour. The Hardy church voted to send \$20 a month to the college for the remainder of the year and Tillatoba is planning to take similar action.

It was a genuine pleasure to journey to these fields with a car full of our students. The fellowship was so wonderfully fine. It was also a joy to know in what high regard these our student pastors are held by the people whom they serve. Information has been compiled showing that members of our ministerial group are preaching regularly to one hundred five churches each month in the outlying districts of our state, not to mention the many special services they hold as supply ministers. There are some of us who believe that Mississippi College is our greatest missionary agency.

Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, pastor at Marks, Miss., spent two days on our campus last week. He brought an inspiring message at chapel on Tuesday, spoke to the ministerial association that evening and at the mid-week service at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening. He was a great blessing to us. This writer has known and loved Bracey Campbell a long time. We were country school teachers together in the early years of the current century.

The launching of the Enlargement Program marks the beginning of the greatest single movement ever undertaken for Mississippi College. Its consummation will place our college in the front rank with other Baptist colleges of the South. The enlargement and stabilizing of this century-old institution of Mississippi Baptists mean accelerating the work of the Kingdom. No one expects it to be an easy task. The greater the possibilities for good of any movement, the greater the difficulties to be encountered and overcome. A few of us can not "build the wall." It will require the devotion, loyalty, and effort of the many. Read Nehemiah, the fourth chapter!

First, Laurel: We had 33 additions during our revival. Dr. D. Swan Haworth of First church, Vicksburg, did the preaching, and W. C. Morgan, educational director, First church, Vicksburg, led the singing.—Reporter.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM A EUROPEAN PROBLEM

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in occupied China has lived through hard times and is thankful for deliverance. He is more sober, more religious, less flippant, and the church has meant a great deal to him."

Dr. Koo said when he left Shanghai in September 1944 we had more members in the Community Church than we did before the war. Many were students and other young people, he said.

The Japanese in recent years have tried to appease local Chinese hostility, according to Dr. Koo. Delegations of Japanese Christians were sent to China to mediate differences between church people and the invading army. In some cases they were officious and not trusted. In other cases, Japanese Christians became highly respected and trusted by Chinese, and they were actually more loyal to Chinese Christians than to their own militarist.

Bishop Yoshimune Abe, first head of the United Christian Church of Japan, came to Shanghai early in 1942 and remained there except for one short trip home. He was the leading church officer for the Japanese in China.

The Bishop's Threefold Job

Dr. Koo said that Bishop Abe's job was threefold: (1) To act as a liaison agent between the Japanese military and the Chinese churches. (2) To close off the connection of Chinese churches with their parent missionary bodies in England and America. (3) To try to unite the churches. Dr. Koo pointed out that he got as far as a committee on the union project.

According to a report which reached Dr. Koo after he left Shanghai, Bishop Abe has recently died.

Dr. Koo said that all Chinese Christian churches are pro-nationalist in their sympathies and "centers of non-cooperation and passive resistance" to the invader.

Rural churches have suffered a great deal more than city ones, in Dr. Koo's opinion. They have not had funds nor leadership, but most have carried on with visiting pastors and funds which city Christians sent back to their native country places.

Mary Anne Durham Is Blue Mountain Student President

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 15—Miss Mary Anne Durham, Itta Bena, has been elected president of the Student Government Council of Blue Mountain College for the session, 1945-46. Other officers are as follows:

Vice-president, Martha Brown, Louisville, Ky.; secretary, Erlene Howard, Starkville; treasurer, Marjorie Donnell, Blue Mountain; defending attorney, Christine Giles, Waynesboro; prosecuting attorney, Evelyn Wright, Greenfield, Tenn.; senior representative, Camille Holman, Louisville; junior representative, Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tenn.; sophomore representative, Katherine Beaty, Jackson; freshman representative, Geraldine Lackey, Calhoun City; local representative, Nancy McKinstry, Blue Mountain; faculty advisers, Miss Hutchins, Blue Mountain, and Dr. Modena H. Peterson, Wesson.

Shuqualak: The church here is laying aside funds to be used for the erection of a new building as soon as it is deemed practical. A drive to increase this fund will be launched soon.

Blue Mountain BSU Installs Officers

The annual BSU installation service of Blue Mountain College was held in the Lowrey Memorial church on Sunday, April 29. Dr. Howard Reaves, from the Sunday School Board, gave the installation message, "Christ, My Necessity."

The new officers of the Baptist Student Union for the year 1945-46 are as follows: President, Dorothy Lee Jefferson, Inverness, Miss.; first vice president, Bettie Gene Sauer, Owensboro, Ky.; second vice president, Mary D. Leavell, Tampa, Florida; third vice president, Mary Tom Berry, Philadelphia; fourth vice president, Ida Lou Coulter, Hattiesburg, Miss.; secretary, Kikuno Miyagi, McGee, Ark.; treasurer, Lucile Bassett, Louin, Miss.; reporter, Eleanor Langston, Starkville, Miss.; YWA president, Betty Jane Watts, New Orleans, La.; BYPU director, Joyce Tyler, Picayune, Miss.; Sunday school superintendent, Elaine Caldwell, State College, Miss.; Life Service group president, Elizabeth Land, Tallahassee, Florida; chorister, Corrine Griffin, Laurel, Miss.; pianist, Blanche Ellen Darr, Georgetown, S. C.; student government representative, Mary Anne Durham, Itta Bena, Miss.; Methodist representative, Gwendolyn Walker, Halls, Tenn.; local representative, Sarah Wages, Blue Mountain, Miss., and faculty representative, Mrs. Bertron Hollowell, Olive Branch, Miss.

State Evangelist B. S. Hilbun of Soso spoke several times during the week-end of May 4-6 to the people of Becker church community. Rev. H. H. Chrisman is the pastor. An offering of \$30.25 was made for state missions and 28 people agreed to tithe after hearing messages on the following subjects: "The Character of the Saviour We Have in Christ"; "Sin and Salvation"; "God's Plan of Kingdom Finance"; "Supremacy of the Church" and "Why Should I Be a Christian?"—Church reporter.

In the two weeks revival sponsored by the Baptist churches of the Long Run Association, Louisville, Kentucky, there were 700 conversions and additions. The evangelist was Hyman Appelman and John Cargill led the singing.

BAPTISTS BUY OFFICE BUILDING

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quarters occupancy by August 15.

Continuing, Secretary McCall stated that in addition to the other advantages the purchase enables Mississippi Baptist Headquarters to have adequate office space NOW instead of waiting several months or a year or two for the erection of a new building. And, said he, "The building just purchased will meet our needs as well if not better than the one originally planned." He also pointed out that the cost of the present building is approximately \$128,000 less than the imated cost of a new building.

JAMES FAIRCHILD LEADS ROYAL AMBASSADORS

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Mississippi—giving half time to each state.

He is a native of Wesson, Miss., a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln and a 1939 graduate of Mississippi College, where he was active in all religious activities. He served as Baptist Student Union secretary of Co-Lin for the session of 1939-'40, also teacher of Bible in Co-Lin. Before entering the seminary he served as pastor of the Baptist church in Wesson for a year.

He was graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this spring, receiving the Th.M. degree. During his student days he served as pastor of the Kirkwood Baptist Church in Bondville, Ky. This year he was president of the Mississippi group at the seminary.

He married Frances Doyal Felder of McComb in 1943. She is a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln and is an accomplished musician.

Mr. Fairchilds will begin work on June 1.

Mrs. J. O. Ritter, Junior superintendent at Durant with the help of her teachers, observed the Baptist Hour for Juniors with 18 present for breakfast and all remaining for Sunday school. We are looking forward to Intermediate Day on May 20. Our Sunday school attendance has averaged 130 and Training Union 57.—A. L. Stevens, associate superintendent, Sunday school.



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